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Filling Date: September 5, 2003) Group Art Unit: 1635 3)
For: 2'-deoxy-2'-fluoro Modifi) Confirmation No.: 7134 ed DNA

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above identified application:

- 1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above identified new patent application:
 - Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
 - Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) PTO-1449 Form;
 - \boxtimes A copy of an IDS Citation for S/N 10/656,270 (Total 1 other document); and
 - Return Receipt Postcard.
- 2. With respect to additional fees, no additional fee is required.
- 3. GENERAL AUTHORIZATION: Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- 4. CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper, as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on March 50. 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 - 1.99, the Applicant wishes to make the following reference of record in the above-identified application. This Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56. This application is a continuation of US Serial No. 08/934,657 filed September 24, 1997, which is a continuation of 07/965,411 filed October 12, 1990, and is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. This reference is also listed on the enclosed PTO Form 1449. It is requested that this document be given careful consideration and that it be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing from the present application.

In the judgment of the undersigned, a portion of the listed reference may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. Section 102 or Section 103.

Applicants do not believe any fee is due with this submission. If this belief is in error and the Patent Office determines that the fee prescribed in the relevant portion of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97 is applicable, the undersigned attorney by his signature hereby authorizes any such fee to be debited from Deposit Account 13-2490.

OTHER DOCUMENTS

1. King et al., "Optimizing DNA Ligations for Transformation," *Focus*, Vol. 8 No. 1, p. 1-3 (1986)

Respectfully submitted,

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